Low power transmitter centres in Jammu region

2537. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an announcement was made by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting about setting up of low power transmitter centres with small studios in the Jammu region;

(b) if so, what progress was made in the year 1986 in this regard; and

(c) whether Jammu station of all India Radio is becoming a high power station and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Seventh Plan of Doordarshan, *inter alia*, provides for the establishment of (i) programme generation facilities at Jammu, (ii) eight new 2x10W TV transmitters in Jammu & Kashmir and (iii) a TV transposer at Rajauri.

(b) Orders for most of the long delivery equipment have been placed. Sites for some of the transmitters have been identified.

(c) All India Radio Station at Jammu is already equipped with a high power medium wave transmitter. However, during the 7th Plan, it is proposed to increase the power of Jammu Station from 50 KW MW to 300 KW MW. The construction work for the building is in progress. Order for supply of transmitter equipment has been placed. The transmitter is expected to be ready during 1989-90.

Traffic disruptions during Republic Day and Beating Retreat

2538. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that traffic is seriously disturbed each year for about one month before Republic Day and Beating the Retreat quite often without any advance notice and warning;

(b) whether any estimate of the loss surffered by public due to detours and the time lost has been made; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether duplicate, parallel exercises can be arranged in Delhi Cantonment area so as to save citizens from serious disruptions, including access to schools and hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) No Sir. There is some dislocation of traffic for about 2 to 3 hours every day on five days, when rehearsals for the Republic Day Parade are held. However, to avoid inconvenience to students and the public at large, the rehearsals are held after the rush hours.

The dislocation of traffic due to the rehearsals of the Beating Retreat ceremony, held at Vijay Chowk, is negligible.

(c) Delhi Cantonment does not have suitable infrastructure for holding rehearsals of these ceremonies.

Bank loans under IRDP in Andhra Pradesh

2539. SHRI GOPALA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of persons who have been given loans by nationalised banks under IRDP during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have reported that the number of families assisted in Andhra by all Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) were 2,49,259; 2,73,328 and 1,81,727 respectively.